

# **LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE LUSTON GROUP PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2018 AT CAWLEY HALL, EYE, LUSTON

**PRESENT: I STEVENS (CHAIRMAN), J COATES (VICE CHAIRMAN), A BRANDISH, P EDWARDS, E COATES, C PEARSON, A EGERTON, K WOOD AND R WOOLLEY**

**IN ATTENDANCE: WARD COUNCILLOR S BOWEN; R HEWITT (CLERK); AND FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence – G Poulton.**

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

**2.1** Disclosable Pecuniary. Cllr. Woolley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 183197 Eye Court Farm.

**2.2** Non-disclosable Pecuniary. None.

**2.3** Non-Pecuniary. None.

**2.4** Written requests for dispensation. None.

## **3. Approval of Meeting minutes from 1 October 2018**

**DECISION:** The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.

## **4. Clerk's Report and reports on meetings attended by parish councillors**

The Clerk's report was noted.

## **5. Matters raised by local residents**

A member of the public reported potholes on the B4361 at Lustonbury Corner, Luston and said the trees by the boundary were overgrown and obscuring visibility. The grit boxes at Lydiatts crossroads and Red Hill need replacing. The road sign by Holy Well has been defaced. A footpaths sign at Ashton is pointing in the wrong direction.

The meeting noted that the grit boxes have been reported to Balfour Beatty and are expected to be replaced as part of the autumn refresh that is carried out each year in preparation for the winter months. The trees by Lustonbury Corner are the responsibility of the private landowner(s) adjacent to the highway. Welsh Water will be asked to return and re-orient the footpaths sign at Ashton so that it is pointing east. The defaced road sign by Holy Well and potholes on Lustonbury Corner will be reported to the highways authority.

A member of the public spoke against planning application 174097 Mile End.

Cllr. Wood said a fir tree planted on the verge at Lilac Grove has become overgrown, moss on the pavement at Lilac Grove needs removing, and one of the road name signs is damaged. It was agreed to report the fir tree to Balfour Beatty and ask the lengthsman to remove the moss and repair the road name sign.

## 6. Ward Councillor S Bowen's Brief Report (for information only)

Ward Cllr. Bowen's report was noted. Council tax is likely to increase by 4.9 percent in 2019-20. There will be a budget meeting on 30 November 2018

## 7. Planning

7.1 174097 Mile End, Broad Lane, Leominster, HR6 0AL. Retrospective permission for the use of the land for wood chipping with wood storage yard and buildings to include; office building, chip stores, drying floor, fan house and boiler house with biomass plant to generate 80Kw of electricity. Re-consultation on amended and additional plans or documents.

Two members of the public spoke against the application.

**COMMENT:** Luston Group Parish Council considered the amended and additional plans in the re-consultation dated 26 October 2018 and decided to add to the comments already made on the retrospective planning application.

The group parish council considers that the Air Dispersion Modelling Assessment document and amended proposed elevations drawing highlight the clear unsuitability of the operation for the current semi-rural location with near neighbours on the edge of a market town. Policy LG1 of the neighbourhood development plan states that: "Agricultural and commercial buildings that are likely to give rise to noise or other pollution shall not be located where they would have an unacceptable adverse impact on existing or proposed housing". The Air Dispersion Modelling Assessment found that NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations exceed guidelines, in other words the volume of NO<sub>2</sub> produced is polluting the area, and the planning application should be refused on these grounds alone.

The proposal to erect tall 12 metre industrial flues will have a significant adverse impact on the character of the surrounding hamlet and is contrary to LG1 and LG8 of the NDP. Critically, it does not take account of the problem with NO<sub>2</sub> contamination at Bargates, Leominster, which is one of two air quality management areas in Herefordshire, declared due to a breach of the Government's objective for nitrogen dioxide, and residential location. Bargates is less than a mile from the location of Mile End.

Luston Group Parish Council believes the NO<sub>2</sub> produced by the proposed industrial operation at Mile End, with or without flues, will lead to an unacceptable cumulative impact on NO<sub>2</sub> pollution at Bargates and vice versa depending on wind direction. The interaction with, and impact on, the air quality management area at Bargates has not been accounted for in the planning application.

For these reasons, and those raised in the comment of 5 December 2017, Luston Group Parish Council urges that the retrospective application is refused by the planning authority.

7.2 183665 Moreton Farmhouse, Moreton Eye, HR6 0DP. Proposed renovations, alteration and extension of dwelling. **COMMENT:** The application is supported.

[Cllr. Woolley left the meeting.]

7.3 183197 Eye Court Farm, Eye, HR6 0DT. Proposed end extension to existing steel portal framed building, to cover an existing dairy collecting yard. **COMMENT:** The application is supported.

[Cllr. Woolley joined the meeting.]

7.4 183564 Apple Tree Cottage, Luston, HR6 0EB. 1. Willow Tree - to trim back to growth points branches overhanging garden and tighten crown. Remove deadwood from tree where appropriate. Make safe any dangerous branches overhanging adjoining lane. In total 25% to 30% reduction of tree. 2. Ash Tree - Remove lower branches overhanging garden - 10% reduction of tree. Both trees are to the front of the property. **COMMENT:** No comment as the application has been decided by Herefordshire Council.

7.5 Update on planning decisions/ enforcement. Herefordshire Council has granted listed building consent for 183246 Berrington Hall. Works to trees within a conservation area are allowed for 183564 Apple Tree Cottage, 183302 Maybury House, 183305 Yewtree Cottage and 183236 Laburnum House.

An additional meeting is not required to consider planning applications 183736 Stockmans Cottage and 184003 Land at the Willows.

## 8. Highways and environmental matters

8.1 Review locations of road name signs proposed by working group, guidance from highways authority and agree next steps. **DECISION:** The working group will meet to recommend priorities for the number and location of road name signs.

8.2 Proposal to fund two new advisory signs on C1040 below Eyton Common – ‘Horses Slow Down’. **DECISION:** The working group will consider inclusion of these signs when prioritising the road name signs.

8.3 Consider adding replacement Eyton village name sign to list of agreed signs in light of guidance from the highways authority. **DECISION:** The original village name sign is reported to be on the verge. Balfour Beatty will be asked to reinstate the sign.

8.4 Consider request to support the placing of a sign on the B4361 outside the village to make visitors aware of the local public house at Luston. **DECISION:** The public house is advised to contact the highways authority, Herefordshire Council.

8.5 Lengthsman and P3 footpaths. **DECISION:** Report matters raised under #5 Matters raised by local residents.

8.6 Highways – Matters to bring to the attention of Balfour Beatty. **DECISION:** Report matters raised under #5 Matters raised by local residents.

## 9. Finance

9.1 Payments for consideration:

Morelock Signs Ltd, ‘Eye Church’ fingerpost – £87.42

Clerk, expenses April-October 2018 – £335.47

Clerk, wages (October 2018)

**DECISION:** Payments were approved, and cheques signed.

9.2 Review direct debit payments:

Airband, broadband service, November 2018 – £60.00

**DECISION:** The direct debit payment was noted.

9.3 Consider request from to donate £350.00 to support the Community Eye newsletter.  
**DECISION:** It was agreed to donate £350.00 to the Eye.

#### **10. Reduce speed limit on B4361 through Nordan**

Proposal to request that the highways authority reduces the existing 40mph speed limit through Nordan to 30 miles per hour. **DECISION:** No action required.

#### **11. Cyber Security**

Consider offer from Leominster Safer Neighbourhood Team to provide a short overview of Cyber Security for local people. **DECISION:** West Mercia Police will be asked to hold a Cyber Security session in the new year.

#### **12. HALC training schedule**

Review training schedule October-November 2018 and agree courses to attend. **DECISION:** Cllr. Brandish will attend 'Leading Lights' on 19 November 2018 at cost of £30.00. The Vice Chairman will attend HALC's Annual General Meeting on 17 November 2018.

#### **13. Travellers' Sites Development Plan Document – Additional Sites Consultation**

Consultation by Herefordshire Council on additional potential pitches at Bosbury and Madley. **DECISION:** The consultation was noted.

**14. Matters for consideration at the next meeting (no discussion)** – There were no matters raised.

#### **15. Date of Next Full Council Meeting**

**DECISION:** The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3 December 2018 at Cawley Hall, Eye.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed as a true record \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_